

**Maryland Energy**

ADMINISTRATION

*Powering Maryland's Future*

**2010 EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities**  
*Low-to-Moderate Income Grant Program*  
**Round 2**

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# Agenda

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- **Overview of Grant Program**
- **Grant Application**
- **Q & A**





# Overview of Grant Program

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- **Grant program is part of the EmPOWER Maryland initiative:**
  - *15% reduction in electricity usage and peak demand, on a per capita basis, by 2015*
- **The grant program is funded by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF).**

# Strategic Energy Investment Fund

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- **SEIF funds come from the proceeds of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).**
- **RGGI sells carbon allowances through a cap-and-trade system.**



## 2010 Grant Program Changes

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- **For 2010, grants are only available for organizations that serve low-to-moderate income Marylanders.**
  - Grant applications must clearly illustrate how low-to-moderate income Marylanders will benefit and be identified.
- **Grant funds have been divided up on a county-by-county basis, based on the number of low-to-moderate income households in each county.**
- **A separate grant application must be submitted for each county.**

## County Allocations- Round 2

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Allegany	\$54,500	Harford	\$79,850
Anne Arundel*	\$0	Howard*	\$0
Baltimore City*	\$0	Kent	\$50,000
Baltimore County	\$52,054	Montgomery	\$308,986
Calvert	\$50,000	Prince George's*	\$0
Caroline	\$50,000	Queen Anne's*	\$0
Carroll	\$59,000	St. Mary's	\$50,000
Cecil	\$50,000	Somerset	\$50,000
Charles	\$69,500	Talbot	\$50,000
Dorchester	\$50,000	Washington	\$66,000
Frederick*	\$0	Wicomico	\$56,000
Garrett*	\$0	Worcester	\$44,620

\* Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Frederick County, Garrett County, Howard County, Prince George's County, and Queen Anne's County had their entire EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities Grant funding allocation awarded during Round 1.

# Grant Timing

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- **Application deadline: Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

- **Anticipated grant period:**

**All grant funds must be spent and invoiced by no  
February 1, 2011.**

# Eligible Applicants

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- **Local governments**
- **Incorporated non-profit organizations**
- **Homeowners Associations <sup>1</sup>**
- **Condominium Associations <sup>2</sup>**



- 1 Homeowners Associations as defined by Title 11B of the Real Property Article, Code of Maryland
- 2 Condominium Associations as defined by Title 11 of the Real Property Article, Code of Maryland



# Grant Requirements

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## Requirements:

- **Energy efficiency**
- **Benefit low-to-moderate income Marylanders**
  - **Low and moderate income households are defined as households with total household income that are less than 60% and 85% respectively of median statewide income.**

# Eligible Use of Grant Funds

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- **Primarily for the purchase and installation of energy efficient equipment.**
- **A limited amount of funds can be used to pay for technical assessments, licenses, training, and consumer education.**

# **Administrative Funds**

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- **Administrative funds are allowed but must not exceed 10% of the grant award.**
- **If you plan on requesting administrative costs, a breakdown of the administrative costs must be included with the project proposal.**

# **Additional Funding Information**

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- **There is no upper or lower limit on the size of the grant except for the county-by-county allocation.**
- **Low income residents cannot be charged for participation in programs receiving grant funding.**

# **Additional Funding Information**

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- **Projects can receive financial assistance from other funding sources.**
- **Grantees are encouraged to make a contribution to the project:**
  - Cash
  - Equipment, labor, or material

# Evaluation Criteria

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- **Primary Evaluation Criteria:**
  - Annual Energy Savings
  - Impact on Maryland's low-to-moderate income residents
  - Ability of project to be completed during the project period
- **MEA may also consider job creation, job training, and applicant financial contribution as secondary criteria.**

# Application Submission

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- **Deadline: Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**
- **Electronic submission: [EmPower@menv.com](mailto:EmPower@menv.com)**
- **Paper submission:**

**Maryland Energy Administration**

**Attn: EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities Grant Program 60**

**60 West Street, Suite 300**

**Annapolis, MD 21401**

# Grantee Responsibilities

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- **If a grant is awarded, the grantee will be responsible for the following:**
  - Entering into a grant agreement with MEA
  - Submitting monthly grant progress reports
  - Getting each property reviewed by the Maryland Historical Trust to ensure that there are no adverse effects on historical properties.



# Grant Invoicing

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- **All grant funds will be distributed through a reimbursement process.**
  - Invoice
  - Supporting Documentation (i.e. receipts)



## Grant Application

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- **Grant application is provided in WORD format.**
- **If submitting a grant application electronically, please be sure to submit the application in a WORD 1997-2003 format.**
- **If you wish to submit a project that that may occur in multiple counties, a separate application must be submitted for each county. No combined applications will be accepted.**



# Grant Application

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- **Annual Energy Savings**

- Use the energy cost assumptions outlined in the application.
- Please show all calculations on the application or in an attached spreadsheet.
- If you use an internet website, please provide the web address and print out a screen shot showing the energy calculations.

- **Geographic Areas**

- City and zip code where work will occur
- Not necessarily the location of the grant recipient



## Attachments

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- **Proof of non-profit status (if applicable)**
- **A copy of the homeowners association's or condominium association's declaration (if applicable)**
- **Energy calculation spreadsheets**
- **Screen shots showing energy savings calculators**
- **Description of proposed administrative costs**
- **Vendor estimates**



# Questions?

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